PLANT FACT SHEET

Acacia craspedocarpa F. Muell.

GENUS *Acacia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Hop mulga, Broad-leaved Mulga

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The young seeds can be eaten raw. They are popular.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows to 3-4 m high and 2.5 m across. The stem is branched. The small branches are round in cross section and slightly hairy. The leaves (phyllodes) are 1.5 cm long and 5 mm wide. They are usually oval, leathery and with a wavy edge. The stalks are short and thick. The flowers are golden rods. They mostly occur singly. The pods are brown. They are broad and flat and heavily veined. They are 5-10 cm long by 3 cm wide. They contain 4 or 5 flattened seeds.

HABITAT

It prefers light well drained soils. It suits sunny positions but can grow with partial shade. It can tolerate drought and frost. It commonly occurs on floods plains and in deep soils near watercourses.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from seed. The seed needs treatment to break the hard seed coat. Normally this is by putting the seeds in very hot water and letting the water cool down overnight then planting the seeds immediately.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Flowering is commonly August to October.

NOTES

There are about 1,350 Acacia species. Over 1,000 occur in Australia. Also as Mimosaceae.

PICTURES



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